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GUATEMALA FOR ELIZABETH MANGINI

E.O. 12958: N/A  
TAGS: [ETTC](#) [KOMC](#) [GT](#)  
SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK  
ON LICENSE 050154491

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 - 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050154491 for the export of firearms to Guatemala. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: The end-user, Armeria el Guerrero, has no license or Blue Lantern history with the Department. Also, the model of these pistols is popular for those who seek to conceal a weapon.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to establish the bona fides of end-user, Armeria el Guerrero (Tel: 7761-2434) by making appropriate inquiries to representatives of the company and officials of the Government of Guatemala. The following points are included for guidance:

(To Armeria el Guerrero)

--Who are your regular customers and where do they reside? What U.S.-origin firearms do you typically sell? What are your estimated annual sales of U.S.-origin firearms? In the past, what has been your source for U.S. firearms?

--What is this particular model of pistol typically used for in Guatemala?

--Are you familiar with the regulations governing the import of U.S.-origin defense articles, including restrictions on re-transfer or re-export?

(To DECAM)

--Is Armeria el Guerrero authorized to import and sell firearms in Guatemala? Do you have any derogatory information on Armeria el Guerrero?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities, end-use, and concerns about the entities involved.

¶5. Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050154491

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

50 COBRA Patriot DAO Pistols, .380ACP Caliber

License Value: USD \$9,970

SELLER:

Valor Corporation  
1001 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway  
Sunrise, FL 33323

FOREIGN INTERMEDIATE CONSIGNEE:

Sercogua  
12 Calle 1-25, Zona 10  
Edificio Geminis 10, Torre Norte, Nivel 05, Oficina #513  
Guatemala City, Guatemala

FOREIGN END-USER:

Armeria el Guerrero  
15 Avenida 3-86 Zona 1  
Edificio Santa Rita Local D  
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala  
Tel: 7761-2434

PURPOSE:

For commercial resale

¶6. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

DSP-83 signed by Aldo Eduardo Maselli Gonzalez (Armeria Guerrero) dated 03/20/2009 and Harry Lopez (Valor Corporation) dated 04/06/2009

Import Authorization No. 053/ARM-2009 issued by DECAM on 03/12/2009

Purchase Order from Armeria el Guerrero signed by Aldo Eduardo Maselli Gonzalez dated 03/20/2009

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet: [http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520final .pdf](http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520final.pdf)

¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.  
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